



# COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE MARCH 2014

Aloha,

Mayor Caldwell recently submitted the 2015 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council and it focuses on providing core city services, maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure and facilities and meeting the City's mandated requirements while addressing long term obligations.

The proposed operating budget for FY2015 is \$2.1 billion which is \$77 million more than last year's budget. The proposed capital improvement program (CIP) budget is \$640 million, which is \$5 million more than last year's CIP budget. The budget submitted reflects a desire to cut costs due to an increase of \$50 million in salary and fringe benefit increases for FY2015 as a result of collective bargaining contracts while also prioritizing new expenses and initiatives to improve core services and plan for the future.

One highlight of the operating budget is that vacant funded positions have been consolidated, a position that I have been advocating for over the last several years and I am glad to see that Mayor's budget reflects my suggestion. The problem with the vacant funded positions was that these positions would be budgeted for and then the department would not fill the position allowing the money for that position to be used for other expenses. That issue concerned me and based on the Mayor's budget, this issue won't be an issue for FY2015. The administration looked at a five year history of filling vacant funded positions and then it was determined how many vacant positions would be removed from each department's budget and placed in a provisional account. A vacancy salary pool was created and that amount was reduced by \$8 as further cost savings to balance the budget. Also included is a salary provisional account of \$25 million that is used to ensure that core city services are maintained.

As mentioned earlier, the Capital Improvement Budget for FY2015 is \$640 million and of that, \$140 million is allocated to accelerate road reconstruction and \$2 million in the operating budget for road maintenance, to improve the city's roads and lower costs. In the 2013 calendar year, the City improved 398 lane miles of roads.

Also in Capital Improvement Budget is \$270 million to meet and stay ahead of the mandated sewer maintenance and improvement project deadlines as well as sewer system upgrades to meet new demands for service. Another \$39 million in the CIP is for the maintenance and enhancement of city parks, recreation and cultural facilities. To help improve energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives, \$500,000 is included in the CIP budget. One example to improve energy efficiency within the city is to convert over 50,000 city owned street lights with LED fixtures, which use 40% less energy, provide cost savings and helps to reduce the City's energy consumption.

These are just some highlights of the Mayor's budget and now it's the City Council's turn to review the budget and make any changes deemed necessary. I look forward to a vigorous debate and discussion on the budget and will work with my colleagues to produce a budget that will be the best for Oahu's taxpayers with a focus on core services while providing for the safety and security for the residents of Oahu.

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## CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, March 18

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 <sup>30</sup> am
Executive Matters	1pm

### Wednesday, Mar. 19

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

### Thursday, Mar. 20

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30p

### District 3 Staff

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**Where the City receives its Dollars  
FY2015 Operating Resources (\$2.6 Billion)**

Real Property Tax 35.2%  
Carry-Over 22.1%  
Charges for Services 1.3%  
Sewer Revenues 12.8%  
Solid Waste Revenues 5.1%  
Motor Vehicle Weight Tax 4.5%  
Federal Grants 3.8%  
Other Revenues 3.0%  
Bus Transportation Revenues 2.2%  
Licenses & Permits 2.1%  
Public Utility Franchise Tax 2.0%  
Public Service Company Tax 1.9%  
Transient Accommodations Tax 1.6%

**Where the City Spends Its Dollars  
FY2015 Operating Expenditures (\$2.1 Billion)**

Public Safety 19.5%  
Debt Service 18.9%  
Miscellaneous (FICA, EUTF, OPEB, etc.) 18.1%  
Sanitation 13.9%  
Mass Transit 11.2%  
General Government 8.8%  
Human Services 4.2%  
Culture-Recreation 4.2%  
Highways and Streets 1.2%

**Road Re-paving Update**

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road re-paving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island.

You can visit this index at: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/ddc/roadrepavingupdate.htm> It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office! We are always happy to assist you!

It is a honor and privilege to serve as your City Councilmember and if my office can be of further assistance on any city related matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office!

Mahalo,

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**!! E-Newsletters !!**

**If you are interested in receiving our newsletter via email, please call 768-5003 to sign-up!**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

Departmental Budget Briefings are scheduled for March 10 - 11, 2014 and March 13 - 14, 2014. These meetings will go over the Mayor's proposed budget and will review each City Department's operating and capital improvement (CIP) budget.

If there is a project in the district you would like to see funded, please contact my office so we can be of assistance. Mahalo!